

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Alexander Steinbuchel, Mathias Liebergesell, Henry Valentin, and Andreas Pries

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**Examiner:** Gerald G. Leffers, Jr.

**For:** *METHODS FOR PRODUCING POLY(HYDROXY) FATTY ACIDS IN BACTERIA*

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 24, 2003, please amend the application as follows. Submitted with this Amendment and Response is a Petition for Extension of Time, along with the required fee for a small entity, to extend the period for response three months, to and including September 24, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$465.00, the fee for a three month extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

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